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Centre









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GROUND AT LYNNFIELD CENTRE.

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This burying ground is on the main street of the village, just southerly from the common and a short distance westerly from the church. As Lynnfield was originally a part of Lynn and was called the second parish, it is of interest to persons tracing family lines back to Lynn, to know that many of these names are found on the Lynn town records previous to the year 1815, when Lynnfield was made a separate town. Yet the records of the *parish* of Lynnfield begin Dec. 7, 1713, and there are also *church* records which have been published in the Institute Collections.

There are three other cemeteries in the town, one at the Centre, near the old yard, and two at South Lynnfield. The nearest is called Forest Hill Cemetery, and was consecrated Oct. 14, 1856. Addresses on the occasion were made by Rev. E. R. Hodgman and Rev. A. P. Chute.

Here lyes the body of Doct<sup>r</sup> John Aborn, who departed this life Novem<sup>r</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> 1768, in the 41 year of his age.

In memory of Mrs. Rebecca Dodge, formerly the wife of Dr. John Aborn, who died June 20, 1798, *Æt.* 64.

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of John Aborn, son of Doct<sup>r</sup> John & Mrs. Rebecca Aborn, who departed this life March 2, 1769, in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

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Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of Elizabeth Aborn, daughter of Doct<sup>r</sup> John Aborn & Mrs. Rebecca Aborn, who died July 2<sup>d</sup> 1770 aged 1 year, 6 months.

Here lies buried the body of Rev. Benjamin Adams, Pastor of the Second Church of Christ in Lynn, who departed this life May the 4<sup>th</sup> 1777 in the 58 year of his age, and 22<sup>d</sup> of his ministry.

The memory of the just is blessed.

Here lies buried the body of M<sup>rs</sup> Rebecca Adams, consort of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Adams, who departed this life Aug<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1776, in the 43<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

God is just.

Erected in memory of Dr. Benjamin Adams. Obt.  
Jan. 16, 1811, *Æt.* 53.

This stone is erected to the memory of two children of Dr. Benjamin & Mrs. Lois Adams, viz<sup>t</sup>.

Edward Augustus, died March 8, 1796, aged 1 year, 11 months & 13 days.

Edward Augustus 2<sup>d</sup> died Feb. 14, 1797, aged 14 days.

Erected in memory of Benjamin Perkins Adams, son of Dr. Benjamin & Mrs. Lois Adams, who died Nov. 13, 1809, aged 6 days.

Erected in memory of Delia Augusta Adams, daughter of Dr. Benjamin & Mrs. Augusta Adams, died May 30, 1805, aged 11 months & 17 days.

Here lyes interr<sup>d</sup> the body of Deacon John Bancroft, who departed this life Decem<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1768, in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Rev. 14, verse 13. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.







Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Bancroft, wife to Dea<sup>con</sup> John Bancroft, who departed this life July y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1763, in y<sup>e</sup> 82 year of her age.

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Bancroft, wife to Dea<sup>con</sup> John Bancroft, who dec'd Oct<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1723, in y<sup>e</sup> 39<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of Hannah Bancroft, dau<sup>tr</sup> of Dea<sup>con</sup> John & M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Bancroft, who died July 23<sup>d</sup> 1738 in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Here lyes buried y<sup>e</sup> body of Mr John Bancroft, who departed this life Jan<sup>r</sup> 25, 1739, in y<sup>e</sup> 84<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Bancroft, wife to Ensign John Bancroft, who died June 7<sup>th</sup> 1732, in y<sup>e</sup> 76 year of her age.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Bancroft (foot-stone, head-stone gone).

Ruth, daughter of Mr Ebenezer & M<sup>rs</sup> Ruth Bancroft, died Sep<sup>t</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1730, aged 4 years, 1 month & 13 days.

Ebenezer, son of Mr Ebenezer & M<sup>rs</sup> Ruth Bancroft, died May 2<sup>d</sup> 1742, aged 4 years & 8 days.

Nathaniel Bancroft, died Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1750, aged 3 days.

Hannah Bancroft, died Sept<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1752, aged 11 days.

Nathaniel Bancroft, y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> died Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1754, aged 13 days, y<sup>e</sup> children of Mr. Nathaniel & Mrs. Mary Bancroft.

In memory of Lieut. James Bancroft, who died Aug. 22, 1814, *Æt.* 82 years.

Esther Smith, his wife died March 25, 1814, *Æt.* 87 years.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Sacred to the memory of Deacon Nathaniel Bancroft. Obt. June 26, 1810, *Æt.* 85.

He served his generation by the will of God, "fell on sleep," and was laid unto his fathers.

Blessed are they that do his commandments.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Mary Bancroft, Relict of Deacon Nathaniel Bancroft, Obt. Oct. 5, 1815, *Æt.* 90.

Because he hath set his love upon me, With long life will I satisfy him, And show him my salvation.

"Jesus wept." This monument is erected to perpetuate the memory of a valuable friend and brother, Thomas Bancroft, Esq., M. A., son of Deacon Nathaniel Bancroft, Obt. at Canton, Nov. 16, 1807, *Æt.* 42.

Jesus saith unto her, thy brother shall rise again.

In memory of Mr. James Brown, who died Jan. 5, 1815, *Æt.* 72.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of Mrs. Lydia Brown, wife of Mr. James Brown, who died Oct. 2, 1786, *Æt.* 38.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

In memory of Mrs. Susanna Brown, 2<sup>d</sup> wife of Mr. James Brown, who died Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1802, *Æt.* 53.

One thing is needful.

In memory of Miss Nancy Brown, daughter of Mr. Samuel & Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of Boston, who died Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1801, aged 14 years and 6 months.

Farewell, bright soul, a short farewell,  
Till we shall meet again above.

In memory of Capt. John Danforth, Obt. Aug. 16, 1796, *Æt.* 40.







In memory of Mrs. Hannah Danforth, relict of Capt. John Bancroft and daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Bancroft, who died April 12, 1806, *Æt.* 51.

The dust shall return to the earth as it was, And the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

In memory of Miss Elizabeth Dodge, who died May 9, 1821, *Æt.* 53.

Here in the silent grave I lie,  
No more the scenes of life to try,  
And you dear friends I leave behind,  
Must soon this gloomy mansion find.

Here lyes the body of Mr. Joseph Eaton, who departed this life June 3<sup>d</sup>, 1746, in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Eaton, wife of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Eaton; who departed this life March y<sup>e</sup> 18, 1771, in y<sup>e</sup> 63<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

Pearson Eaton, son of Mr. Joseph & M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Eaton, died Feb<sup>r</sup> 19, 1754, aged 1 year & 8 months.

Sarah Eaton, dau<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph & M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Eaton, died March 2<sup>d</sup> 1743, aged 1 month & 2 days.

Sarah Eaton, dau<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph & M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Eaton died, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1745, aged 2 months.

Joseph Eaton, son of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph & M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Eaton, died July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1749, aged 6 weeks & 2 days.

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Gowing, wife to Lieut. Thomas Gowing, who departed March y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>, 1764, in y<sup>e</sup> 65<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

In memory of Mr. John Hawks, who died May 3, 1811, *Æt.* 57.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; They rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

In memory of Mrs. Rachel Hawks, wife of Mr. John Hawks, who died April 1, 1814, in the 56 year of her age.

Great God, I own thy sentence just,  
And nature must decay;  
I yield my body to the dust,  
To dwell with fellow clay,  
Yet faith may triumph o'er the grave,  
— And trample on the tombs —  
My Jesus, my Redeemer lives,  
My God, my Saviour comes.

In memory of Miss Pamela Hawks, daughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Rachel Hawks, who departed this life October 2<sup>d</sup>, 1794, in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Oh! death, thou hast conquered me,  
I by thy dart am slain,  
But Christ has conquered thee  
And I shall rise again.

In memory of Miss Sally Hawks, who died Sept. 4, 1811, in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

The rising morning can't assume,  
That we shall end the day;  
For death stands ready at the door,  
To snatch our lives away.

In memory of John Hawks, who died March 31, 1845, *Æt.* 67.

In memory of Mrs. Sally Hawks, wife of Mr. John Hawks, who died Sept. 20, 1811, *Æt.* 27.

Farewell my friends, I bid adieu  
The silent tomb still waits for you.







In memory of Miss Narcissa Hawks, who died Sept. 1, 1818, in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Sleep on sweet maid, thy griefs are past,  
Grim death hath sever'd us at last;  
And what thou art I soon must be,  
Dwell in the dust below with thee.  
Short was thy passage to th' eternal dome,  
Ethereal mansions claim'd thee as their own,  
Now join'd with numerous train of spirits blest,  
Thy sleep is sweet in everlasting rest.

Lois, wife of John Hawkes, died Jan. 10, 1865. *Æt.* 79 years, 9 months.

John A., son of John & Lois Hawkes, died March 20, 1864. *Æt.* 45 years, 5 months.

Emily Orne Hall. (No date.)

The memory of the just is blessed.

Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Joseph Mottey, pastor of the church of Christ in Lynnfield, who died July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1821 in the 66<sup>th</sup> year of his age, and the 38<sup>th</sup> of his ministry. He was distinguished by a powerful mind, and was a learned, faithful and exemplary minister.

A resurrection solves the knot.

This humble stone to perpetuate the memory of an amiable woman, who in giving life sacrificed her own. Mrs. Elizabeth Mottey consort of the Rev. Joseph Mottey, died on the 27 of Aug. Anno Dom. 17—. *Æt.* 32.

In memory of Charles Mottey, Ob. Aug. 16, 1797. *Æt.* 15.

To the memory of Elias, 2d son of the Rev. Joseph Mottey, who died Oct. 10, 1785, aged 18 months.

Sacred to the memory of Mr. Charles E. Mottey, son of Rev. Joseph Mottey, who died at Salem July 19, 1804, on the morning after his arrival from a voyage to India, after an absence of 12 months, employed as clerk to the Captain of the ship Henry, *Æt.* 18.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Betsey Cox, wife of Mr. Matthew Cox and daughter of Rev. Joseph Mottey, who died March 29, 1807, *Æt.* 20.

In memory of Miss Hannah Mottey, aged 76. On whom the drama of life closed the 18 of November, 1835.

In memory of Sarah F. daughter of Daniel Needham, who died Oct. 10, 1802. *Æt.* 12 years.

Here lyes buried y<sup>e</sup> body of Mr. Thomas Newhall, who departed this life Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1738, in y<sup>e</sup> 58<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of Mr. John Orne, whose remains are here deposited, who departed this life Feb. the 11<sup>th</sup> 1735, aged 55 years.

Insidious grave how dost thou rend in sunder  
Whom love has knit and sympathy made one.

Sacred to the memory of John Orne, Esq., who quitted this scene of mortality Dec. 1, 1812. *Æt.* 36.

Reader if love of worth thy bosom warm,  
If virtue please thee or if friendship charm,  
Upon this marble drop a tender tear,  
Worth, virtue, friendship, all are buried here.  
"Verily there is a reward for the righteous."

In memory of Mrs. Pamela Orne, consort of John Orne, who died Oct. 10, 1810. *Æt.* 34.

To perpetuate her memory we celebrate the social, moral & christian virtues.







To the memory of Mrs. Bridget Orne, widow of Mr. John Orne, who died Oct. 27, 1826. *Æt.* 83.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear,  
Then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

In memory of John, son of Mr. John Orne, who died Jan. 22, 1811, aged 1 year, 7 months.

In memory of Eliza Ford, daughter of John Orne, who died Nov. 24, 1810, aged 2 months.

Hubbard Emerson. *Æt.* 4 weeks.

Helen Emerson. *Æt.* 8 months.

Here lyes buried the body of John Perkins, Physician, who departed this life Jan. 23<sup>d</sup> 1781, in y<sup>e</sup> 84<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

In memory of Deacon John Perkins, who died Sept. 4, 1823, *Æt.* 83.

In memory of Eunis, widow of Deacon John Perkins, who died Aug. 16, 1827, *Æt.* 84.

Sacred to the memory of William Perkins, son of Mr. John and Mrs. Eunice Perkins, who died Oct. 23, 1794, in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

In memory of Miss Anna Perkins, who died Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1792, Aged 21 years.

This stone erected in memory of Henry Perkins. Obt. July 1, 1796. *Æt.* 11.

Beneath this stone is deposited the remains of Mrs. Abigail Perkins. Obt. Aug. 9, 1803, *Æt.* 21.

In memory of Benjamin Perkins, A. B., who died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1809, aged 20.

Could genius, science and virtue ensure length of days this stone would not have been thus early marked.

Here lyes buried y<sup>e</sup> body of Dea<sup>con</sup> John Pearson, who died June 21<sup>st</sup> Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> 1728, aged 78 years.

Here lyes interr'd the body of Captain Timothy Poole, Esq., Dea<sup>con</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Church in Lynn, who departed this life Febr<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> 1753, *Æt.* 50.

Blessed are ye dead which die in y<sup>e</sup> Lord. Yea, saith y<sup>e</sup> spirit that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them. Rev. 14, 13.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Poole, Relict of Timothy Poole Esq<sup>r</sup>, who died May 31, A.D. 1796, in the 90 year of her age.

Timothy Poole, son of Cap<sup>t</sup> Timothy and M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Poole, died Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1736, aged 3 years, 2 months & 4 days.

In memory of Amos Smith, who died March 9, 1798, aged 73. This stone is erected by his daughter, Nabby Parsons.

Here lyes buried y<sup>e</sup> body of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>nd</sup> Mr Nathaniel Sparhawk, who departed this life May 7<sup>th</sup> Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> 1732, in y<sup>e</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Here lyes the body of M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Sparhawk, Relict to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>nd</sup> Mr Nathaniel Sparhawk, who departed this life May y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1768, in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

112<sup>th</sup> Psalm, 6 verse Ye Righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.







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Nathaniel Sparhawk, son of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Nathaniel Sparhawk & Mr<sup>e</sup> Elizabeth his wife, died Decem<sup>ber</sup> 11, 1728 in y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

In memory of Mr. Ebenezer Swinerton, who died Nov. 12, 1795, aged 66 years.

Sacred to the memory of Mr. Daniel Townsend, who was slain at the Battle of Lexington, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1775, aged 36.

Life, valiant Townsend, in the peaceful shades; we trust,  
Immortal honors mingle with thy dust.  
What though thy body struggled in its gore?  
So did thy Saviour's body, long before;  
And as he raised his own, by power divine,  
So the same power shall also quicken thine,  
And in eternal glory mayst thou shine.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Zeruiah Townsend, relic of Mr. Daniel Townsend, who died Oct<sup>r</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 1775, aged 31 years.

Death has my life now swept away,  
To follow my companion dear;  
But Christ can bear my soul away,  
And land it on the heavenly shore.

Here lyes buried y<sup>e</sup> body of Mr John Upton, who departed this life March 27<sup>th</sup> 1743, aged 60 years and 16 d<sup>s</sup>.

John Upton, died April 30, 1838, aged 92 years.

Sally, wife of John Upton, deposited on the right, died March 26, 1799, aged 51 years.

Hannah, wife of John Upton, deposited on the left, died Sept. 17, 1837, aged 89 years.

PAY ROLL OF CAP<sup>T</sup> JN<sup>O</sup> DODGE'S COMPANY OF GUARDS:  
FOUND AMONG THE PAPERS OF ENOS GALLOP, 1834.

Muster Roll for Pay Due to the Non-commission<sup>d</sup> Officers & Soldiers in Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>O</sup> Dodges Company Col<sup>o</sup> Jacob Gerishes Reg<sup>t</sup> of Guards from the State of Massachusetts Bay at y<sup>e</sup> Rate of 40 S per month from the first day of April, 1778 until July as may appear by my Muster Roll.

No.	NAMES.	TIME OF SERVICE.		WHOLE PAY.	
		Months	Days	s	d
1	David Perkins	3	3	6	4
2	Joseph York	3	2	6	2 8
3	Jonath <sup>n</sup> moulton	3	3	6	4
4	Sam <sup>l</sup> Low	2	27	5	16
5	Andrew Millet	3	2	6	2 8
6	Obediah More	3	2	6	2 8
7	Daniel Gould	2	26	5	14 8
8	Amos Capman	2	26	5	14 8
9	W <sup>m</sup> Farley	3	1	6	1 4
10	Moses hodgekins	3	1	6	1 4
11	W <sup>m</sup> Tarr	3	4	6	5 4
12	Franceses Morgan	3	4	6	5 4
13	Daniel Row	3	4	6	5 4
14	Stephen Row	3	4	6	5 4
15	Jerem <sup>h</sup> Persons	3	4	6	5 4
16	W <sup>m</sup> Steel	3	4	6	5 4
17	Jacob Lurvey	3	4	6	5 4
18	Daniel Tucker	3	4	6	5 4
19	Caleb Harradean	3	4	6	5 4
20	Benj <sup>e</sup> Witham	3	4	6	5 4
21	Benj <sup>e</sup> Foster	3	4	6	5 4
22	Joseph Stephens	3	4	6	5 4
23	Benj <sup>m</sup> Smith	3	4	6	5 4
24	Charles Linton	3	4	6	5 4
25	Moses Foster	3	4	6	5 4
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